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## **IMPROVING ACCESS, CURRICULUM AND TEACHING IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND EMERGING DISEASES (IMPACT MED) ALLIANCE**

2016 - 2021 | IMPLEMENTER: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH ADVANCEMENT IN VIETNAM (HAIVN) |  
PLANNED BUDGET: \$6,900,000

The IMPACT MED Alliance is a public-private partnership bringing together a diverse group of university, public and private sector partners. The project goal is to build a strong and effective health workforce in Vietnam able to respond to 21st century priorities and to contribute to the health resilience and health security of the country.

### **BUILDS CAPACITY IN MEDICAL TEACHING, LEARNING AND INNOVATION**

The IMPACT MED Alliance works with five medical universities and policymakers to improve and innovate undergraduate medical education by providing technical assistance to comprehensively reform the six-year training program for general medical doctors. Training led by Harvard Medical School educators produces faculty with improved skills in curriculum design, active learning, and clinical teaching, and creates a community of faculty to develop innovation in medical education. A close partnership with the Ministry of Health allows for lessons learned and successful models to be spread to additional universities nationwide.

### **STRENGTHENS RESPONSE TO EMERGING HEALTH THREATS**

The Alliance is helping to prepare Vietnam's health systems for emerging health threats by strengthening hospital infection control programs, training health workers, and developing antimicrobial stewardship programs to improve antibiotic use. Through partnership with hospitals and professional societies, the Alliance develops curriculum, implements standard operating procedures, and trains and mentors health workers at select hospitals. The Alliance also uses interdisciplinary education and distance learning technology to improve collaboration among clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, and public health practitioners.

### **IMPROVES LEADERSHIP, PROMOTES DIVERSITY, AND FOSTERS INNOVATION**

Leadership and diversity are key drivers of innovation, and an inclusive faculty and student body is a critical component of a successful university. The Alliance will develop the leadership skills of the next generation of medical education professionals and build institutional capacity to help sustain and build upon the project's achievements. In addition, the Alliance is supporting innovative programs to improve access and educational outcomes for socially and economically disadvantaged medical students.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

By 2020, more than 2,000 university faculty will be trained in new educational methods and five leading medical universities will be implementing a reformed six-year curriculum for training general medical doctors. By 2025, there will be more than 5,000 physician-graduates of the new training programs. In addition, by the end of the project, more than 1,000 practicing health workers will be applying best practices in infection prevention and control, antimicrobial use, and response to emerging infectious diseases.

*In the photo: Harvard medical school experts support the reform of the clinical training at HCMC University of Medicine and Pharmacy (HAIVN)*